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Appl. No. 10/724,709 TC/A.U. 1797

For: AUTOMATIC TUBE-TYPE SPECIMEN CONTAINER SUPPLY APPARATUS

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AMENDMENT FILED WITH RCE

In response to the Office Action dated October 10, 2007, the period for response having been extended one (1) month by petition herewith, Applicant submits this Amendment along with a Request for Continued Examination.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4.